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SUBJ: REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S ABM ANNOUNCEMENT

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1. DURING HOUSE QUESTION PERIOD FEB 4, BENJAMIN (NDP) SOUGHT BASIS OF PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S REMARKS CONCERNING LACK OF EVIDENCE OF ESCALATION IN ABM SITUATION: "IN THE COURSE OF HIS REMARKS THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT EVIDENCE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS DOES NOT SHOW ANY EVIDENT ESCALATION. COULD THE PRIME MINISTER ADVISE THE HOUSE WHAT THIS EVIDENCE CONSTITUTES FROM WHICH THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION OR NO ACTION BY THE U.S.S.R. AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO TAKE SIMILAR DECISIONS? ALSO COULD HE ADVISE THE HOUSE IF IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT IN A MORE FORMAL AND DIRECT MANNER TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE UNHAPPINESS OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THAT GOVERNMENT?

2. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU REPLIED: "ON THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION, MR. SPEAKER, I CAN ONLY SAY THAT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, IF THAT IS THE ONE THE HON. MEMBER IS THINKING OF, HAS CONSIDERED THIS MOVE AS AN ESCALATORY ONE. I CANNOT ADD MUCH DETAIL TO THAT. WE HAVE TO RELY ON WHAT INFORMATION WE GET. THE ANSWER TO THE SECOND PART OF THE QUESTION, MR. SPEAKER, IS, NOT AT THIS TIME. I AM NOT CONSIDERING ANY FURTHER STATEMENT, NOR IS THE

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MINISTER."

3. ABOVE QUOTES TAKEN FROM UNCLEARED HANSARD "BLUES."
SHOULD OFFICIAL HANSARD VERSION DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM
ABOVE TEXT, CHANGES WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY CABLE.
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